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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

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i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

ii. Other

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Amendment/Reply Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) Other 2. Miscellaneous Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required) 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to . I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. Deposit Account No. 18-0013 X RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) ii. iii. Other b. Check in the amount of \$ enclosed Payment by credit card (Form TO-2038 enclosed)

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